"The South 40"

by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

Attending the Annual Meeting of the Virginia Beef Cattle Association in Hot Springs last week end was Hugh Braford, C. T. Moses, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Paulette, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bryant, Jim Nolan and Travis Poole from Appomattox County.

This is an outstanding meeting with many top speakers from America's beef cattle industry. participants were reminded that knowledge is now doubling every six years and by 1990 knowledge will double every 30 days. Successful people do things that other people don't like to do. Success is achieved by a minority of people. By doing these things they accomplish their goals and objectives. The speaker warned that we need to "adjust to change and hard work or go to the mecca of failure."

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Genetic improvement in a herd occurs when a generation is turned. The faster the dam group is turned over the faster improvement appears.

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If a bull doesn't sire better cattle than his sire, he isn't doing any good. What are you selecting for a $500 bull or $1000 bull? In reality you should be selecting for a bull that will make a genetic difference in the herd. It could be that neither the $500 or $1000 bull will make a difference. Cattle owners need to know what their level of production is (rate of gain) and select a bull that has a superior rate of gain. Select a bull for performance not for dollars.

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One speaker noted that a Kansas herd of 1200 cows would calve 1000 calves in 21 days. This kind of operation is developed out of a planned program that consist of fertile cows. This speaker supported the idea that heifers should be put with the bull for 30 and not more than 42 days-take the bull out-palpate the heifer and those not bred should be sent to market. The point being made is the need for selecting a female line for breeding efficiency.

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In 1950 the total cow population was made up of 40% beef and 60% dairy. In 1972 80% of the total cows were beef and 20% dairy.

82% of the beef herds is Virginia have less than 50 head. This is true not only of Virginia but every state east of the Mississippi.

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An Iowa speaker pointed out the need for the housewife to become "price-wise". He related a recent experience. Seems that a large supermarket was offering sliced bacon for 69c per pound or slab bacon for 39c. He stopped by the next week to inquire which bacon was the best seller. The manager didn't know but felt that it was a good question so they checked the invoices. For every one pound of slab bacon sold there was a 1½ pound sale of sliced bacon. Note-over the bacon display was an 18 inch sign "We slice slab bacon free of charge."

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In another area of the meat department bologna was selling for 69c to 79c for 6 ounces, and selling well, but housewives were passing up choice beef roast selling for $1.39 because it was too high. She was paying $2.99 a pound for bologna.

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Action Program Developed To Combat The Southern Pine Beetle

ATLANTA, GA. - Forest managers, farmers and other conservationists have organized to prevent possible disaster in the South's pine stands, according to Dr. R. Rodney Foil, chairman of the newly established Southern Pine Beetle Action Council.

Foil, Dean of the School of Forest Resources at Mississippi State University, said more than 60 percent of our susceptible pine-growing areas already have some infestation. "some of these have even been declared disaster areas," he noted. Foil and others on the Council's steering committee agreed there is no immediate prospect of effective natural control of the insect's spread.

"The beetle is everyone's problem," Foil added. "Several cities, such as Birmingham and Atlanta, have already felt the loss of pines in residential areas at great cost to the home owners who had to remove dead trees. If the beetle is allowed to continue unchecked," he said, "it could devastate forests in almost every Southern state." He commented on the potential loss of timber values and the attendant loss of jobs, noting that these losses could push up the costs of lumber and plywood as well as paper products. "The environmental impact would be even worse," he concluded.

Efforts to control the beetle are hampered by lack of sufficient information on the insect and by difficulties in moving quickly enough to contain outbreaks. The Council's goals include the development of acceptable and effective control techniques. Members stressed the need for increased public support for research and control efforts.

Membership on the Council includes federal and state forestry agencies, universities, timberland owners, and forest industries, as well as garden clubs and other conservation groups.

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APS Workshop For Teachers Used Role-Playing Approach

Appomattox Primary School teachers have launched the idea of using manipulative materials to aide students in learning mathematical concepts. Elementary Supervisors Bob Mills and Ed White from the State Department of Education (pictured above) assist in small group in-service so that teachers can role-play as the classroom student. "Role-playing students" discover different ways to solve a problem. This is one technique incorporated into the teacher's lesson plan so as to improve mathematical skills. The Primary teachers are focusing on math instructional needs as they implement the "Standards of Quality."

Strong Foreign Demand Warrants Quota Increase For Flue-Tobacco

Flue-cured tobacco marketing quotas were increased 10 percent by the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for 1974 to meet the increasing demand for this type tobacco around the world, reports James R. Ford, Jr., Chairman of the Appomattox County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

The Chairman said the increased demand for flue-cured tobacco was due primarily to unfavorable weather and to increased cigarette production in foreign countries. "Since the demand is there," Mr. Ford said, "it is essential we do what we can to meet it." He said a logical step is to permit growers to produce more flue-cured tobacco in 1974, and the only way to do this is to increase marketing quotas 10 percent.

Agricultural exports hit an all time high of $17.7 billion in 1973, and flue-cured tobacco was a part of this new record. According to USDA's economic Research Service (ERS), Mr. Ford said, exports of flue-cured tobacco from last May through November were nearly 20 percent higher than for the same months in 1972.

Some growers have expressed concern that the markets will not be able to handle the increased volume of tobacco. Ford said Agriculture Secretary Earl L. Butz met in December with flue-cured tobacco manufacturers and dealers and as a result of that meeting, the Secretary said, "These manufacturers and dealers have assured us that when the markets open in July, they will be able to process 85 million pounds of flue-cured tobacco a week." This is about 12 percent more than they were able to process a week last year.

In an effort to meet the increased demand for flue-cured tobacco, some growers may be tempted to use more than the recommended amounts of fertilizer. Mr. Ford said that in view of short fertilizer supplies, it becomes more important than ever to have a soil test and to follow the recommendations of the Extension Service.

"Using more fertilizer than recommended will not increase yields," he said, "but will only waste it."

Since fuel plays such an important role in agricultural production, farmers have been assured by Secretary Butz and by the Federal Energy Office (FEO) that farmers are receiving top priority when it comes to fuel allocations.

In a recent talk at the USDA's Agricultural Outlook Conference in Washington, FEO Administration William E. Simon said, "Gasoline, propane, butane, and residual fuel oil are being provided to agricultural uses on a priority basis, supplying 100 percent of what they need."

Simon said, "If farmers are going to provide the increased production they have been asked to produce next year, they must get the fuel they need to do the job."

New Allotments Available For Area Feed Grain Produce

The 1974 feed grain program of interest to area feed grain producers allots a total of 532,505 acres for the state of Virginia, according to James Ford, Jr., Chairman of the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) committee.

The Chairman said that Appomattox county allotment is 5115 acres. Allotments for individual farmers have been mailed. The national allotment for this year is 89 million acres, and the crops included are corn, grain sorghum and barley.

The 1974 feed grain program provides for allotments the target price program Agriculture Act of 19 frees farmers to pl without restriction in ami market demand, and p tees a minimum return producer's normal produc on his allotted acres.

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Appomattox Pork Producers

The Appomattox Pork Producers will meet on Tuesday, February 19th at the District Extension Office at 7:30 p.m. Meeting will be a planning session for upcoming events and future work with our 4-H clubs within the county. We urge all interested persons as well as member's to attend. We can only serve our club and the community if we have the support we need.

The South-Central Feeder Pig Sale last Thursday proved a good sale with prices on the rise. The top pen of #3 barrows sold for 78 cents per pound. This was an increase of 3 cents per pound over last year's sale. Pig quality may have been off somewhat from last year's sale but most felt that it was an average group.

The purebred sale took place on Saturday and I will make a report next week.

The Hog-Corn Ratio continues to decline and stood at 13.6 at Richmond, Virginia on Monday.

The Duroc Breed set a new all time record for its Southeastern Congress Sale, except in the class of open gilts. The Top Selling Boar sold for $31,000 and the top selling pair of gilts sold for $7,600. All in all 191 head sold for $151,700. — Not bad, not bad.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

South Central Feeder Pig Sale: February 7, 1974
Farmville Livestock Market

Purbred Gilt & Tested Boar Sale: February 13th
Farmville Livestock Market

Appomattox Co. Pork Producers Meeting: February 19
Planning Session for Fairs and Hog Shows for this year.

Crossbred Gilt Sale March
Farmville Livestock Market

Fernistic News

Here is the regular meeting of the Modernistic Club members, the date is February 14th at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Elsie Webb will be hostess. If there is any change in meeting date, each member will be notified. As of this writing we don't know how the weather will be.

The Galilee Baptist Sunday School was well attended Feb. 3rd at the 10:00 a.m. hour. The day was very beautiful and cold, but underfoot was good. The children and were out in round and enjoyed the that was beautifully rendered by the instructors. Text for discussion "Victory in Defeat" John 18:33, 38; Memory Selection - I bear witness unto the John 18:37.

The lesson was well taken by in attendance. The offering was liberal.

Our service was held at Baptist Church Sun., Feb. 10 o'clock service. The pastor was in charge. was rendered by the of the church. All who the service were greatly spiritually.

3 p.m. the Usher Board a program of music, the Alabama Spiritual of Pamplin, Va. The Elliott is church pastor. I that the program was a

Organ Dedication Serv- at Galilee Baptist Church, day, Feb. 10, 1974, at 3 was very impressive. A large audience attended Ail who attended the enjoyed it very much. offering for the evening good.

promise Land Baptist Sch. 7 p.m. the Willing Workers Club, celebrated their first anniversary. Guest for the occasion, The Amatuer, Spiritual Singers of Amherst, Va. The program was very, very successful.

In and out of town:

Rev. and Mrs. Johnnie Paige attended services at Promise Land Church Sunday, Feb. 10, 1974. We were delighted to know that Rev. Paige was up, and around again, after spending some time in the hospital. We trust that Rev. Paige will continue to improve.

Large Crowd Attend Organ Dedication

A very large crowd of members and visitors attended the dedication service of the Galilee Church organ last Sunday at 3 p.m. The program began promptly at 3 p.m. with the pastor of the church serving as master of ceremony. Each person appearing on the program was at his or her best. The message of dedication was delivered by the Rev. S. C. Terry, pastor of the First Buffalo Baptist Church of Pittsylvania. He spoke on the theme: "The Value of Music in the Church." All present enjoyed the message. The pastor in his closing remarks thanked all the leaders who helped in making the organ a reality in the service of Galilee and each individual member and friend who helped along the way.

The first anniversary of the Willing Workers Club of the Promise Land Baptist Church was well attended last Sunday evening at 7 p.m. Mrs. Ella Robinson served as mistress of ceremony. The Amatuer Spiritual Singers of Amerst, were the special guest. The singers were introduced and presented by the pastor. Remarks were given by the Reverends J. W. Paige of Amherst, and the Rev. Mr. Davis of Baltimore. An offering of $145.50 was lifted by Mrs. Julia Pennix, Mrs. Mary Fleshman and Mrs. Thelma Hancock. The service was enjoyed by all present.

The general public is cordially invited to attend an informative meeting of the Appomattox Assembly at the Intermediate School on Tuesday evening, Feb. 26 at 7:30. The Rev. E. G. Williams of the Halifax Assembly will be the special guest. Music will be rendered by the Jordan Harmonetts and the local Gospel Four. Door prizes will be presented to the churches which bring the largest delegation. Let us come and receive first hand information on the workings of the local assembly.

The Galilee Usher Board has announced plans for its anniversary program to be held on the first Sunday evening in March at 3 p.m. The Rev. C. L. Elliott and his choirs will be the special guest.

The general public is cordially invited to attend the anniversary program of the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church Junior Choir Anniversary this Sunday evening at 3 p.m. The program will include musical selections by local church junior choirs. The local choir will conduct the devotions and extend the welcome.

An unusually large crowd attended the regular preaching service at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church last Sunday morning. Beautiful music was rendered by the church choirs. Several visitors attended the morning worship. The Rev. A. B. Jones was present and assisted the pastor in the morning devotional services.

The Pamplin Community Men's Club has completed plans for its annual celebration on the fourth Sunday evening in this month at 2:30 at the Zion Baptist Church. The Rev. James Maughlaurin will be the guest speaker. Music will be rendered by several musical groups. The Rev. James Franklin will serve as master of ceremony.

All officers, members and friends are cordially invited to attend the regular preaching service at the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

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Wed. Feb. 13
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Feb. 14 Thurs.
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Jordan

O Come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Psalms 95:1

On the 4th Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. the Community Singers of Nelson County will be singing at the Jordan Baptist Church for Usher Board. The public is invited to attend.

On the 1st Sunday night in March there will be a Gospel singing at the Jordan Baptist Church. Groups appearing on this program will be The Clouds of Joy of Monroe, The Golden Echoes, The Golden Trumpeteers, The Community Gospel Singers, The Spiritual Knights, and The Joyettes. This program will begin at 1:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Remember Sunday School each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

EASTERN STAR MEETING

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